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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for interactively generating and delivering documents requested by a remote requestor for a recipient other than the requestor via a computer network, comprising:

receiving from the remote requestor via the computer network a document request, the document request including recipient and subject matter information;

generating a document according to the recipient and subject matter information responsive to the document request;

storing the document in a document database; and
receiving an approval message from a remote party other than the requestor or the recipient, the approval message indicating approval of the document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

transmitting the approval status report separately from the document in response to a report request; and

transmitting the document to the recipient.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising obtaining approval from a document administrator before generating the document.

3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting via the computer network a document generation
notice to the requestor; and
receiving via the computer network document transmission
instructions from the requestor.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein transmitting
the document to the recipient comprises transmittal by facsimile
transmission, the facsimile transmission further including
document execution instructions.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein transmitting
the document to the recipient comprises transmittal by
electronic mail, the electronic mail further including document
execution instructions.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a document status request via the computer
network from the requestor, the document status request
including a recipient identification;
generating a document status report using the document
database and the recipient identification; and
transmitting via the computer network the document status
report to the requestor.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving via the computer network a document amendment
request from a requestor, the document amendment request
including a document identifier and subject matter information;
retrieving a stored document from the document database
using the document identifier;

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generating a document amendment using the subject matter information and the retrieved document;

storing the document amendment in the document database;
and

transmitting via the computer network the document amendment to the recipient.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the document is a version controlled document.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for interactively generating and delivering via a computer network non-disclosure agreements requested by a remote marketing representative for a customer other than the marketing representative, comprising:

receiving from the remote marketing representative a non-disclosure agreement request, the non-disclosure agreement request including customer and product information;

~~creating an approval status document, the approval status document including the status of the approval received for generation of a non-disclosure agreement from a non-disclosure agreement administrator, the approval status document retrievable by the marketing representative using an approval status document address;~~

~~sending the approval status document address to the marketing representative;~~

~~obtaining approval from a non-disclosure agreement administrator before generating the non-disclosure agreement;~~

receiving an approval message from a remote party other than the marketing representative or the customer, the approval message indicating approval of the document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

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transmitting the approval status report separately from the document in response to a report request;

generating a non-disclosure agreement according to the non-disclosure agreement request;

storing the non-disclosure agreement in a non-disclosure agreement database;

transmitting a non-disclosure agreement generation notice to the marketing representative;

receiving non-disclosure transmission instructions from the marketing representative; and

transmitting the non-disclosure agreement to the customer.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer comprises transmittal by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer comprises transmittal by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the non-disclosure agreement is a version controlled non-disclosure agreement.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 10, further comprising:
receiving a non-disclosure agreement amendment request from a marketing representative, the non-disclosure agreement amendment including a non-disclosure agreement identification and subject matter information;

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retrieving a non-disclosure agreement from the non-disclosure agreement database using the non-disclosure agreement identification;

generating a non-disclosure agreement amendment using the subject matter information and the retrieved non-disclosure agreement; and

transmitting the non-disclosure agreement amendment to the customer.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer comprises transmittal by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer comprises transmittal by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the non-disclosure agreement is a version controlled non-disclosure agreement controlled.

18. (Currently Amended) A data processing system adapted to interactively generate and deliver documents requested by a remote requestor for a recipient other than the requestor via a computer network, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

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receiving from the remote requestor via the computer network a document request, the document request including recipient and subject matter information;

generating a document according to the recipient and subject matter information responsive to the document request;

storing the document in a document database; and

receiving an approval message from a remote party other than the requestor or the recipient, the approval message indicating approval of the document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

transmitting the approval status report separately from the document in response to a report request; and

transmitting the document to the recipient.

19. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 18, the instructions further including obtaining approval from a document administrator before generating the document.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 18, the instructions further including:

transmitting via the computer network a document generation notice to the requestor; and

receiving via the computer network document transmission instructions from the requestor.

22. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 18 wherein the document transmitting instructions include transmittal by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including document execution instructions.

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23. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 18 wherein the document transmitting instructions include transmittal by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including document execution instructions.

24. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 18, the instructions further including:

receiving a document status request via the computer network from the requestor, the document status request including a recipient identification;

generating a document status report using the document database and the recipient identification; and

transmitting via the computer network the document status report to the requestor.

25. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 18, the instructions further including:

receiving via the computer network a document amendment request from a requestor, the document amendment request including a document identifier and subject matter information;

retrieving a stored document from the document database using the document identifier;

generating a document amendment using the subject matter information and the retrieved document;

storing the document amendment in the document database; and

transmitting via the computer network the document amendment to the recipient.

26. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 25 wherein the document is a version controlled document.

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27. (Currently Amended) A data processing system adapted to interactively generate and deliver non-disclosure agreements requested by a remote marketing representative for a customer other than the marketing representative, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

receiving from the marketing representative a non-disclosure agreement request, the non-disclosure agreement request including customer and product information;

~~creating an approval status document, the approval status document including the status of the approval received for generation of a non disclosure agreement from a non disclosure agreement administrator, the approval status document retrievable by the marketing representative using an approval status document address;~~

~~sending the approval status document address to the marketing representative;~~

~~obtaining approval from a non disclosure agreement administrator before generating the non disclosure agreement;~~

receiving an approval message from a remote party other than the marketing representative or the customer, the approval message indicating approval of the document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

transmitting the approval status report separately from the document in response to a report request;

generating a non-disclosure agreement according to the non-disclosure agreement request;

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storing the non-disclosure agreement in a non-disclosure agreement database;

transmitting a non-disclosure agreement generation notice to the marketing representative;

receiving non-disclosure transmission instructions from the marketing representative; and

transmitting the non-disclosure agreement to the customer.

28. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 27 wherein the non-disclosure agreement is a version controlled non-disclosure agreement.

29. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 27, the instructions further including sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

30. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 27, the instructions further including sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

31. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 27, the instructions further including:

receiving a non-disclosure agreement amendment request from a marketing representative, the non-disclosure agreement amendment including a non-disclosure agreement identification and subject matter information;

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retrieving a non-disclosure agreement from the non-disclosure agreement database using the non-disclosure agreement identification;

generating a non-disclosure agreement amendment using the subject matter information and the retrieved non-disclosure agreement; and

transmitting the non-disclosure agreement amendment to the customer.

32. (Original) The data processing system of claim 31 wherein the non-disclosure agreement is a version controlled non-disclosure agreement.

33. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 31, the instructions further including sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

34. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 27, the instructions further including sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer, the computer program instructions adapting a computer to interactively generate and deliver documents requested by a remote requestor for a recipient other than the requestor via a computer network, the computer program instructions comprising:

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receiving from the remote requestor via the computer network a document request, the document request including recipient and subject matter information;

generating a document according to the recipient and subject matter information responsive to the document request;

storing the document in a document database; and

receiving an approval message from a remote party other than the requestor or the recipient, the approval message indicating approval of the document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

transmitting the approval status report separately from the document in response to a report request; and

transmitting the document to the recipient.

36. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 35, the instructions further comprising obtaining approval from a document administrator before generating the document.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 35, the instructions further comprising:

transmitting via the computer network a document generation notice to the requestor; and

receiving via the computer network document transmission instructions from the requestor.

39. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 35 wherein the document transmitting instructions include

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transmittal by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including document execution instructions.

40. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 35 wherein the document transmitting instructions include transmittal by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including document execution instructions.

41. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 35, the instructions further comprising:

receiving a document status request via the computer network from the requestor, the document status request including a recipient identification;

generating a document status report using the document database and the recipient identification; and

transmitting via the computer network the document status report to the requestor.

42. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 35, the instructions further comprising:

receiving via the computer network a document amendment request from a requestor, the document amendment request including a document identifier and subject matter information;

retrieving a stored document from the document database using the document identifier;

generating a document amendment using the subject matter information and the retrieved document;

storing the document amendment in the document database; and

transmitting via the computer network the document amendment to the recipient.

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43. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 42 wherein the document is a version controlled document.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer, the computer program instructions adapting a computer to generate and deliver non-disclosure agreements requested by a remote marketing representative for a customer other than the marketing representative, the computer program instructions comprising:

receiving from the remote marketing representative a non-disclosure agreement request, the non-disclosure agreement request including customer and product information;

~~creating an approval status document, the approval status document including the status of the approval received for generation of a non disclosure agreement from a non disclosure agreement administrator, the approval status document retrievable by the marketing representative using an approval status document address;~~

~~sending the approval status document address to the marketing representative;~~

~~obtaining approval from a non disclosure agreement administrator before generating the non disclosure agreement;~~

receiving an approval message from a remote party other than the marketing representative or the customer, the approval message indicating approval of the document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

transmitting the approval status report separately from the document in response to a report request;

generating a non-disclosure agreement according to the non-disclosure agreement request;

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storing the non-disclosure agreement in a non-disclosure agreement database;

transmitting a non-disclosure agreement generation notice to the marketing representative;

receiving non-disclosure transmission instructions from the marketing representative; and

transmitting the non-disclosure agreement to the customer.

45. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 44 wherein the non-disclosure agreement is a version controlled non-disclosure agreement.

46. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 44, the instructions further comprising sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

47. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 44, the instructions further comprising sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

48. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 44, the instructions further comprising:

receiving a non-disclosure agreement amendment request from a marketing representative, the non-disclosure agreement amendment including a non-disclosure agreement identification and subject matter information;

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retrieving a non-disclosure agreement from the non-disclosure agreement database using the non-disclosure agreement identification;

generating a non-disclosure agreement amendment using the subject matter information and the retrieved non-disclosure agreement; and

transmitting the non-disclosure agreement amendment to the customer.

49. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 48 wherein the non-disclosure agreement is a version controlled non-disclosure agreement.

50. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 48, the instructions further comprising sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by facsimile transmission, the facsimile transmission further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

51. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 48, the instructions further comprising sending the non-disclosure agreement to the customer by electronic mail, the electronic mail further including non-disclosure agreement execution instructions.

52. (Currently Amended) A method for interactively generating and delivering documents via a computer network, the method comprising:

receiving from a remote computer via the computer network a document request, the document request including recipient and subject matter information;

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searching a database for a document template associated with the document request;

inserting the recipient and subject matter information into the document template and generating a final document;

storing the final document in a data store;

transmitting to the remote computer over the computer network a notification indicative of the generated final document, the notification being transmitted separately from the generated final document;

~~tracking an approval status of the final document;~~

~~generating an approval status report including the tracked approval status;~~

receiving an approval message from a remote party other a party transmitting the document request or a recipient to whom the final document is to be transmitted, the approval message indicating approval of the final document;

updating an approval status report based on the approval message;

~~transmitting the approval status report to the remote computer via the computer network separately from the final document in response to a report request;~~

~~receiving from the remote computer over the computer network a user identified transmission mode;~~

displaying on the remote computer a plurality of available transmission modes;

receiving from the remote computer identification of one of the plurality of available transmission modes;

formatting the final document based on the ~~user-identified~~ transmission mode; and

transmitting the final document to the recipient computer over the computer network according to the user identified transmission mode, the final document being transmitted

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